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After Investment of Money, Deeds to Homesteaders Refused.

Honolulu, June 6.—Thos. G. Vent, a special attorney for the Honohina Coffee Company, returned to Chicago on the Alameda last week, very much disgusted with Land Office methods, and the obstacles which he claimed were thrown in the way of outside capital investing in business enterprises in the islands. Mr. Vent is the representative of a stock company, which under the leadership of Herbert B. Gehr and his brother, undertook the clearing and development of 400 acres of land at Upper Maulua, near Waikamalo, North Hilo. For five years, the stockholders who are scattered all over the state of Illinois and Chicago, have been paying into the company their monthly installments, which were to go to making a coffee plantation in these islands. Upon the recommendation of Herbert B. Gehr, who was the company's manager in charge of the plantation, the young coffee trees which had been set out, were abandoned, and sugar cane substituted as the most profitable crop. Laborers have been kept continuously on the place, two hundred acres of the land cleared and planted to cane. The company have erected a manager's cottage at a cost of \$3,000, and altogether have expended \$50,000 on the track. The rentals have been promptly paid under the right of purchase leases by which the company holds the land, and Mr. Vent believed all the requirements of the Land Office had been complied with. He finds however, that neither he nor the Honohina Coffee Company can get title to the land, and are liable to lose what money they have already invested in the proposition.

Some of these gentlemen who seek to become investors in Hawaiian industry and the creators of new wealth are rich Chicago business men. They are closely associated with the leading millionaires in the Windy City and their representative, after four months, knocking about the Departments in the government building goes home about convinced that if money comes to Hawaii for investment it will have to invade the country like the Japanese have Manchuria.

To a Bulletin reporter, Mr. Vent said: "There are a hundred different things here that should attract capital. But the big difficulty is to do business with the Territorial officials.

"For instance, I was sent here to look into the condition of the Honohina Coffee Company, an enterprise in which Chicago men have spent \$30,000. They have 400 acres of land on Hawaii held under right-of-purchase leases. The first cause of my being sent was that my principals could get no word from the Land Department in reply to remittances made under the lease. When I arrived, their drafts were laid away in the Land Office and no credit entered on the books.

"I looked into our property and found that some of the technical requirements under the lease had not been complied with. On some of the lots we have not cleared the required 25 per cent of the acreage, but on the whole 400 acres we have practically complied with the law. Again, the residence feature of the right of purchase lease has not been strictly complied with.

"But we have spent \$30,000 on the land. We have planted coffee and sugar cane, cleared forests, built houses and made trails. We have no patent. In order to save this investment and carry on the development of the property by the expenditure of \$50,000 or \$100,000 more, I set myself to the task of finding out if there was any way by which we could secure title to the land. I talked to the Governor and I talked to Mr. Pratt of the Land Office. They encouraged me. I wrote my principals and they said they were willing to improve the entire tract if patents could be obtained.

"I saw Governor Carter again and was referred to the Attorney

General for an opinion. I asked the Attorney General whether under the facts in the case and under the law as given in Section 17, Part 4, of the Land Act of 1895, the Governor could not equitably issue patents to the land in question.

"Attorney General Andrews in his opinion held that the Governor had the legal right to issue the patents.

"I was so certain then that our way was clear, that I wrote Mr. Peck at Hilo to name a good man for the place of head overseer of the plantation. I went to the Governor again and gave him the Attorney General's opinion.

"Governor Carter then said I had better see Pratt again. "I demurred saying that Pratt had nothing to do with the Attorney General's office, but the Governor said see Pratt.

"I saw Pratt and he overruled the Attorney General. He said he did not believe the opinion of Andrews was good law, and that if it was, it would be setting a dangerous precedent, and that he would not make out any patents under the opinion if ordered to do so, for the reason that he believed Andrews was not right.

"Pratt then saw Andrews and after their conference, Andrews changed his opinion, holding that Governor Carter could not issue the patents.

"Now after four months' quibbling, I have to report to my principals that the only way for them to get title to their own property is to have it put up at auction, bid against all comers and buy the improvements they themselves have already paid for.

"It looks to me like there is a conspiracy to make it difficult for foreign capital to break into Hawaii. "We do have one alternative besides having the property put up at auction. We can forfeit it to the Territory of Hawaii."

Land Commission when seen regarding the above statements, gave out the following interview: "The record of our transactions with Thos. G. Vent," said Mr. Pratt, "will prove that we have not made it difficult for him or for his principals to secure their rights in Hawaii. On the contrary, we have sought by every means to accommodate them.

"Mr. Vent was introduced at his office February 9, this year. For the greater part of two days he was given a hearing. He came representing men who had advanced money to the Honohina Coffee Company, which was developing four lots near Hakalau held under right of purchase lease by the following individuals: Edw. Bingham, F. E. Hotchkiss, Harry L. Wheaton, H. B. Gehr. One of Mr. Vent's first inquiries was after a remittance of \$235.20 received by the Land Office from the Plantation Development Co., to apply on these lands. Upon a showing made by H. B. Gehr, the entering up of this matter was delayed. When Vent first came he showed a paper revoking the power of attorney to Gehr, and empowering him to act. He presented a letter stating: 'Upon investigation we find that we were misinformed as to the status of these leases and paid the amount of \$235.20 under a misapprehension. Will you kindly, therefore, return said amount to us pending a further investigation into the title to and the condition of the property. We desire to secure patents to the land and are prepared to pay the full amount as soon as the matter of compliance with your laws is adjusted.'

"Mr. Vent wanted to view the lands on Hawaii and went over. I wrote Geo. H. Williams, our sub-agent at Hilo, as follows: 'You render him every assistance in carrying out these duties, accompany him on his trip to the lands, inspect same with him, point out to him any failure (if such failure exists) on the part of the lessees to fulfill condition of the lease. Go into the status of the lots thoroughly and report to me with your recommendation as regards cancellation, extension or otherwise and furnish Mr. Vent with a copy of such report or recommendation.'

"Mr. Vent and Sub-Land Agent Williams looked over the lots the latter part of February, which aggregated almost 400 acres. He reported 60 acres partly cleared, that is to say the trees were felled but not removed; 25 acres timber felled and sowed; 15 acres well cleared and 35 acres in cane. A house was built at a cost of \$3,000; other houses and laborers' quarters were found to have been built.

"These lots were leased as follows: 100 acres to Wheatley 93 1/2 acres to H. B. Gehr, 97 acres to Hotchkiss, 99 acres to Bingham. The land was all appraised at \$5 an acre when taken up by these gentlemen. Interest has accrued against the four lots aggregating \$584.

"To improve these lands the Honohina Coffee Company has advanced something like \$25,000 or \$30,000.

"On his return from Hawaii, and after viewing the land, Mr. Vent decided to take back the draft of \$235, it being presumed at that time that he would rather save his principals \$235 than to go in deeper.

"The facts are," said Commissioner Pratt, "the conditions required by law to be performed by right of purchase leaseholders has been sadly neglected on these lots.

"To enable these parties to procure patents in the quickest legal way, I suggested that the lands be reappraised and the improvements be appraised and the same be put up at auction. Whoever bought the land would have to pay for the improvements, the price paid going to the government as agent for the original holders of lease. If Mr. Vent's principals bought in the lease again, they would not be compelled to pay for their improvements a second time.

"I am not handling my own lands," said Mr. Pratt, "and may be what I'd like to do is the very thing I cannot do under the law. I think these Chicago investors are entitled to every consideration and advantage that can be given them lawfully; and that is what we propose to do. The Department is anxious to have such men as these Chicago gentlemen take up lands here. We are holding the entire matter open for sixty days more to give the Chicago people time to act as they wish to after mature deliberation. All we can do is to follow the law and give strangers every help possible in locating if they want to locate."

Piano Club Adjourns.

The Piano Club held its final meeting of the season at the home of Miss Ellen Lyman on Wednesday, June 1st. The musicale was well attended and the program one of special interest. The membership of the Club has continuously increased until there are now thirty members on the rolls.

Owing to the absence of many and the difficulty of holding meetings during the vacation months, the Club adjourned until next October.

The following program was rendered:

Piano Solo—Nos. 3 and 4 Opus 28, Turner Miss E. Lyman.
Reading—"Plato's Definition of Music" Mrs. Furneaux.
Piano Solo—"With My Thoughts", Geibel Mrs. O. A. Steven.
Song—"Spring Time", Lehmann Miss Lilinoe Hapai.
Piano Solo—"In Arcady", Nevin Mrs. Turner.
Reading—"Two Views of Richard Strauss" Miss M. F. Potter.
Song—"Dost Thou Know That Fair Land", Thomas Miss E. Hapai.
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7:50	3:20	ar. Olaa Mill	9:10	5:30
8:00	3:40	ar. Keau	9:00	5:15
8:15	4:00	ar. Fernside	8:45	5:00
8:30	4:30	ar. Mount. V'w. lv	8:30	4:45

SUNDAY.

A.M.	P.M.	STATIONS	A.M.	P.M.
8:00	3:30	lv. Hilo	10:30	5:30
8:20	3:50	ar. Olaa Mill	10:10	5:10
8:30	4:00	ar. Keau	10:00	5:00
8:45	4:15	ar. Fernside	9:45	4:45
9:00	4:30	ar. Mount. V'w. lv	9:30	4:30

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A.M.	P.M.	STATIONS	A.M.	P.M.
10:30	lv. Hilo	3:50		
10:50	ar. Olaa Mill	3:30		
11:20	ar. Pahoa Junc.	3:00		
12:40	ar. Pahoa Junc.	2:40		
12:00	ar. Pahoa Junc.	2:20		
12:20	ar. Puna	2:00		

Sunday.

A.M.	P.M.	STATIONS	A.M.	P.M.
9:00	lv. Hilo	4:50		
9:20	ar. Olaa Mill	4:30		
10:05	ar. Pahoa Junc.	4:00		
10:25	ar. Pahoa Junc.	3:40		
10:45	ar. Pahoa Junc.	3:20		
11:05	ar. Puna	3:00		

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